



Obama gets slim win in Sunriver straw poll

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Edwards second, Clinton third

SUNRIVER (AP) - New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton may be leading in the national polls, but she finished third in a straw poll of Oregon Democrats who attended the party's retreat in Sunriver this weekend.

Illinois Senator Barack Obama edged former North Carolina Senator John Edwards 49 votes to 47 votes in the matchup of those seeking the presidential nomination.

Barack Obama (R) edged John Edwards (R), Hillary Clinton third in Sunriver straw poll of Oregon Democratic leaders

Clinton had 36 votes and New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson followed with 12.

Though it is a small sample size, straw polls like the one at Sunriver can be a telling test of a candidate's strength among the party's base, those who will donate money and volunteer to knock on doors and work the phones.

Obama and Edwards have both campaigned in Oregon, while Clinton has yet to visit.

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